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PRODUCTION

Month	Iron	Lead (b)	Electricity		Gas (c)		Raw steel		Cement		Motor vehicles (d)		Electric motors		Four weeks ended (f)	Coal (e)
	ore (a)	'000 tonnes	'000	Original	Seas. adj.	'000	Original	Seas. adj.	'000 tonnes	Original	Seas. adj.	'000	Original	Seas. adj.		
<i>1985-86—</i>																
November	38.0	9,725	10,289	38,917	41,232	578	606	757	493	34.5	32.5	195	165	December 14	13,217	
December	22,554	38.1	9,698	10,432	35,237	41,674	561	457	473	25.6	29.9	154	162	January 11	3,135	
January	34.4	9,846	10,536	33,473	41,714	592	589	336	500	12.9	36.9	91	188	February 8	11,902	
February	38.8	9,407	10,538	36,321	42,435	504	565	503	518	30.0	31.9	153	156	March 8	9,850	
March	23,910	40.6	10,265	10,639	40,007	42,332	545	536	508	30.7	30.5	124	140	April 5	11,485	
April	39.0	9,970	10,516	43,516	47,467	547	516	527	25.2	27.8	147	149	May 3	10,738		
May	40.7	10,801	10,414	48,382	44,753	585	556	513	476	33.3	29.7	125	140	May 31	14,698	
June	22,716	23.3	11,246	10,385	50,418	44,355	562	550	487	31.2	29.7	134	144	June 28	14,390	
<i>1986-87—</i>																
July	31.2	12,167	10,416	54,154	43,292	520	480	537	509	34.4	27.7	172	155	July 26	15,066	
August	39.0	11,578	10,618	50,122	44,413	581	563	408	451	29.6	26.2	154	133	August 23	15,385	
September	r22,984	39.7	10,645	10,638	45,714	42,552	590	584	511	494	28.9	25.8	177	154	September 20	15,101
October		38.3	10,613	10,605	45,784	45,328	582	560	534	495	29.6	25.3	210	166	October 18	14,652
November	37.0	10,104	10,798	39,497	41,791	548	500	516	489	29.4	28.4	185	160	November 15	14,231	
December	22,653	32.2	10,346	10,985	38,245	44,943	587	562	421	441	24.0	27.3	169	175	December 13	13,756
January	34.7	10,261	11,086	36,703	46,261	542	540	347	511	6.9	19.7	93	201	January 10	3,227	

(a) Gross mine output. Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources, Geology and Geophysics (B M R). (b) Metallic contents of mine products. Source: B M R. (c) Available for issue through mains, includes natural gas. (d) Includes vehicles which are disposed of by the manufacturer in a partly finished state. (e) Excludes lignite.

(f) Tasmanian production period one week earlier for periods up to 14 December 1985.

PRODUCTION—continued

Month	Cotton woven cloth (incl. towelling)		Woollen and worsted woven cloth (incl. blanketing)		Man-made fibre-cloth		Meat '000 tonnes	Price index manufacturing division(a) (Base year 1984-85 = 100.0)	Whole milk intake by factoriesth) mil. litres		Brokers and dealers' receipts of taxable wool		Stocks(d)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Total	% of total	Original	Seas. adj.
<i>1985-86—</i>														
November	3,638	3,322	1,066	857	15,296	13,941	187	189	428.4	742	495	93,741	76.0	
December	2,248	2,974	682	855	10,829	13,758	168	190	411.1	678	499	59,802	75.6	r40,811 r40,918
January	1,291	4,235	595	894	4,510	11,537	180	196	404	519	46,438		80.1	
February	3,404	3,764	1,075	950	13,580	13,981	187	197	437.1	462	526	47,616	75.8	
March	3,286	3,116	1,008	1,043	14,427	14,212	189	203	434.4	411	539	46,516	75.6	r42,118 r42,117
April	3,192	3,288	1,016	940	13,449	13,632	211	202	431.8	312	504	46,276	76.5	
May	4,299	3,332	1,125	1,155	13,915	13,017	191	185	432.3	283	495	37,337	77.9	
June	3,334	3,023	1,954	r1,097	r15,035	r13,082	180	195	435.0	281	505	32,907	76.8	r42,011 r42,205
<i>1986-87—</i>														
July	3,665	3,194	1,144	1,070	14,341	12,428	201	185	439.5	335	486	51,900	79.5	
August	3,884	3,363	1,007	1,042	15,170	13,987	186	196	443.8	481	480	51,683	82.1	
September	r3,262	r2,918	934	927	15,195	14,062	199	191	448.9	642	485	117,030	79.2	43,047 42,726
October		3,184	3,575	1,211	1,029	16,446	13,916	217	195	453.1	765	485	122,863	77.1
November	r1,159	r3,098	938	780	14,927	14,143	195	r201	456.6	740	495	99,339	76.7	
December	2,455	r3,165	712	837	12,175	15,219	192	r208	458.7	680	501	65,996	74.9	43,719 43,836
January	849	2,750	484	780	3,643	9,534	180	203	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			

(a) This index is on a 'net division' basis and relates in concept only to articles which are produced in the Manufacturing Division of ASIC (Division C) for sale or transfer outside the Division or for use as capital equipment. (b) Source: Australian Dairy Corporation. (c) Members of the National Council of Wool Selling Brokers of Australia. (d) Owned by private enterprises in Australia. See publication 56290.

FOREIGN TRADE

Month	Values at average 1979-80 prices \$m				Export price index All groups (base year 1974-75 = 100)	Import price index All groups (base year 1981-82 = 100.0)	Balance of Payments—current transactions \$m				
	Value of total exports (a) \$m	Value of total imports (a) \$m	Exports f.o.b.				Balance on goods and services	Balance on current account	Official reserve assets (b) \$m		
			Exports f.o.b. Seas. adj.	Imports f.o.b. Seas. adj.							
1985-86—											
December	2,605	2,844	5,751	5,689	238	146.6	-605	-1,143	12,216		
January	3,118	3,273			234		-387	-1,045	12,133		
February	2,617	2,625			235		-354	-897	12,925		
March	2,604	2,604	6,164	5,469	232	146.0	-474	-999	12,811		
April	2,418	2,963			230		-790	-1,358	12,553		
May	2,725	2,744			228		-503	-1,078	12,504		
June	2,633	2,736	5,682	5,325	234	140.8	-534	-1,064	13,024		
1986-87—											
July	2,591	3,065			242		-879	-1,526	13,439		
August	2,673	3,084			246		-812	-1,242	12,686		
September	2,669	3,117	5,790	5,189	246	p158.8	-843	-1,331	12,615		
October	2,952	3,195			245		-934	-1,820	13,316		
November	r2,956	2,588			p244		-264	-71	13,146		
December	r3,321	3,219	6,626	5,343	p243	n.y.a.	9	-598	13,581		
January	p2,824	p3,100			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	r-499	r-1,235	13,846		
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	-104	-750	12,604		

(a) Non-merchandise trade is excluded from export and import statistics. (b) Gold is valued at the average London gold price for the month converted to \$A at the market rate of exchange applying on the last day of the month.

INTERNAL TRADE

Month	Retail sales of goods (excluding motor vehicles, parts, petrol, etc) \$A \$m										
	Total					New motor cars and station wagons registered '000					
	Current prices		Average 1979-80 prices			Grocers, confectioners, tobacconists		Department stores			
Original	Seas. adj.	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Trend estimate	Original	Seas. adj.	
1985-86—											
December	5,875	4,399	4,387	9,659	r8,545	1,545	1,370	915	502	40.5	41.4
January	4,276	4,459	4,403			1,400	1,384	435	500	33.7	38.5
February	3,903	4,383	4,418			1,308	1,400	361	496	31.5	35.1
March	4,163	4,416	4,439	7,811	8,361	1,409	1,417	416	492	34.3	35.4
April	4,285	4,424	4,470			1,380	1,433	450	491	40.4	39.5
May	4,707	4,536	r4,511			1,471	r1,447	578	r495	36.3	33.8
June	4,197	4,590	4,559	8,190	8,396	1,380	r1,459	423	502	34.5	33.9
1986-87—											
July	r4,479	r4,591	4,604			r1,453	1,467	r508	511	37.0	33.6
August	r4,434	r4,647	r4,638			r1,440	1,472	r442	519	37.4	35.8
September	r4,486	r4,665	4,663	8,151	8,471	r1,430	1,475	r507	525	33.2	33.1
October	4,775	4,708	4,683			1,527	1,479	512	531	32.4	31.8
November	4,738	4,666	4,705			1,485	1,485	537	536	28.7	30.5
December	r6,428	4,714	4,725	9,427	8,343	1,724	1,492	1,054	542	31.5	30.5
January	4,603	4,780	4,744			1,523	1,499	452	546	27.6	32.6
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.			n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	p28.1	p31.4	p6.3

(a) Series based on 1979-80 Retail Census, excludes Northern Territory, but includes Australian Capital Territory. (b) Comprises light commercial type vehicles, trucks, other truck type vehicles and buses.

WAGES, OVERTIME AND RETAIL PRICES

Month	Average weekly earnings of employees (\$)		Average weekly ordinary time earnings of full-time adults persons (\$)		Index of minimum award rates of pay for full-time adults June 1976 = 100	Average weekly overtime hours per employee	Consumer price index, weighted average of eight capital cities (Base of each index: Year 1980-81 = 100.0 unless otherwise stated)							
	All males	All females	All persons	(\$)			All groups	Food	Clothing	Housing	Household equipment and operation	Transportation	Tobacco and alcohol	Health and personal care
1983-84—														
December					216.3		147.1	143.2	138.1	192.2	169.3	153.8	162.8	130.2
January					216.3									
February	422.70	276.40	404.20		216.3	1.25	150.5	146.1	139.0	155.0	152.1	159.0	167.5	133.5
March					216.3									
April					216.3									
May	425.50	278.20	409.20		216.3	1.23	153.0	149.4	145.4	157.8	154.3	156.4	171.8	139.6
June					216.3									
1984-85—														
July					221.5									
August	437.20	282.90	418.90		221.5	1.16	157.0	153.5	146.1	160.5	156.9	164.4	174.9	143.3
September					221.5									
October					221.5									
November	446.30	287.60	427.20		221.5	1.29	161.5	156.0	152.2	163.1	160.3	171.9	180.2	153.6
December					221.5									
January					221.5									
February	8.n.y.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.		n.y.a.	1.19								

(a) Base of index series: March Quarter 1982 = 100.0.

BUILDING AND NEW FIXED CAPITAL EXPENDITURE

Month	Building approvals \$m		Building approvals dwellings '000 units		Government building approved \$m	Building commenced total \$m		Dwellings commenced '000 units		Materials used in house building (Base year 1983-84 = 100.0)	Materials used in building other than house building (Base year 1978-79 = 100.0)		Private new capital expenditure (\$m/b)	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1983-84—														
November	1,552.1	1,470.7	12.7	12.4	251.5					99.4	116.3			
December	1,525.5	1,291.9	10.8	11.8	341.4	4,399.7	4,456.2	36.2	35.6	99.8	167.6	1,608	1,393	3,534
January	1,204.7	1,507.1	10.0	12.4	289.5					100.3	168.6			
February	1,086.9	1,244.9	10.0	10.9	158.4					100.8	170.0			
March	1,057.8	1,195.2	9.5	10.2	184.9	3,843.3	4,113.9	30.5	33.2	101.2	171.0	1,272	1,492	3,014
April	1,486.2	1,394.4	10.3	9.5	199.2					101.7	171.6			
May	1,365.2	1,243.2	10.5	9.7	324.6					101.9	172.5			
June	1,789.6	1,682.8	11.3	11.2	715.6	13,904.4	13,797.1	29.8	29.0	102.3	173.0	1,613	1,579	3,660
1984-85—														
July	1,320.7	1,237.1	11.8	11.1	258.9					102.6	175.4			
August	1,457.1	1,429.0	9.9	9.8	324.7					103.2	176.5			
September	1,288.1	1,262.7	10.4	10.0	181.5	4,885.0	4,651.5	30.9	29.8	p104.1	p179	1,747	1,810	p3,569
October	1,421.9	1,343.4	10.8	10.0	210.8					p105.5	p178			
November	1,376.9	1,348.8	10.1	10.0	267.6					p105.3	p179.4			
December	1,404.1	1,306.5	9.9	10.4	291.3					p105.6	p179.9	1,877	1,624	4,350
January	1,124.5	1,463.7	7.8	9.9	238.0					n.y.a.	n.y.a.			

(a) Weighted average six State capital cities. (b) Excludes enterprises classified to agriculture, forestry, fishing and hunting, community services and construction.

FINANCE

Month	Savings banks— depositors' balances (a) £m		Major trading banks (b)				Housing finance for owner occupation secured commitments to individuals (c)			Common- wealth bond yield short dated (d) per cent	Taxation revenue Commonwealth and State consolidated revenue funds £m		
			Deposits £m		Advances £m		Banks £m						
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Other lenders (d) £m				
1965-66—													
December	39,710	39,200	44,055	43,650	38,944	38,772	545	209	96	15.65	5,699		
January	39,104	38,805	43,660	43,382	38,469	38,857	545	150	100	14.65	5,738		
February	39,338	39,814	43,800	43,786	38,970	39,577	521	156	101	14.15	5,631		
March	39,316	39,175	44,549	44,459	39,823	40,007	481	151	99	13.30	5,887		
April	40,354	41,141	45,521	44,876	41,781	41,191	706	173	97	12.65	9,255		
May	40,624	41,064	44,748	44,905	41,038	40,742	734	141	100	12.70	12.76		
June	42,602	42,486	44,346	44,362	41,022	41,083	699	125	85	12.80	6,243		
1966-67—													
July	43,392	43,722	44,261	44,513	41,827	41,679	840	157	76	14.50	5,113		
August	43,934	44,005	43,567	44,083	41,904	42,053	697	166	68	15.10	6,326		
September	43,931	44,083	43,466	43,439	41,998	42,305	742	177	68	15.15	5,625		
October	44,122	44,204	44,293	44,327	43,256	42,786	914	193	173	14.30	n.y.a.		
November	44,395	44,575	43,653	43,771	42,792	42,735	816	164	167	14.25	n.y.a.		
December	45,681	45,840	44,511	43,802	43,555	43,361	1,099	153	166	14.85	n.y.a.		
January	45,469	45,334	n.s.t. 100	n.s.t. 065	n.s.t. 921	n.s.t. 359	679	133	57	14.70	n.y.a.		
February	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	45,343	45,231	43,801	44,455	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	n.y.a.	15.85	n.y.a.		

(a) Excludes external territories. (b) Includes external territories.
 (c) Excludes loans for alterations and additions. (d) Includes for building societies, finance companies, credit unions, insurance companies and government instrumentalities. (e) This series is based on non-cumulative bonds.

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NATIONAL ACCOUNTS
(bn)

Quarter	Gross domestic product				Gross farm product				Gross non-farm product				Final consumption expenditure				Gross fixed capital expenditure			
	Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Original		Seas. adj.		Private		Government		Private		Public	
AT CURRENT PRICES																				
1985-86—																				
September	58,029	58,640	1,567	2,255	56,462	56,385	33,930	34,120	10,528	10,977	9,631	9,696	3,912	4,345						
December	64,309	58,950	4,576	2,256	59,733	56,694	37,059	35,009	11,753	11,371	10,028	9,538	4,507	4,461						
March	57,521	60,418	1,621	2,299	55,898	58,119	34,216	35,638	10,920	11,551	8,703	9,725	3,773	4,402						
June	59,080	61,483	1,191	2,220	57,889	59,263	36,049	36,531	12,597	11,865	9,879	9,333	5,278	4,257						
1986-87—																				
September	62,208	62,375	1,874	2,346	60,344	60,029	37,421	37,587	11,660	12,152	9,880	9,963	4,451	4,978						
December	69,418	64,371	4,144	2,428	65,274	61,945	40,459	38,316	12,618	12,201	11,094	10,543	4,753	4,711						
AT AVERAGE 1979-80 PRICES																				
1985-86—																				
September	36,153	36,647	1,574	2,065	34,579	34,582	21,003	21,149	6,346	6,636	5,915	5,962	2,290	2,548						
December	40,069	36,256	3,916	2,123	36,133	34,133	22,587	21,266	7,014	6,756	5,935	5,658	2,594	2,567						
March	34,303	36,379	1,531	2,168	32,772	34,211	20,209	21,114	6,336	6,732	5,033	5,620	2,103	2,457						
June	34,755	36,196	1,182	2,115	33,373	34,081	21,009	21,266	7,373	6,928	5,580	5,259	2,948	2,376						
1986-87—																				
September	35,840	36,259	1,662	2,170	34,178	34,089	21,163	21,282	6,524	6,823	5,404	5,452	2,380	2,665						
December	40,154	36,672	3,893	2,264	36,461	34,408	22,409	21,162	7,075	6,807	5,907	5,623	2,505	2,482						
AT CURRENT PRICES - continued																				
1985-86—																				
Imports of goods and services			Exports of goods and services		Gross operating surplus of trading enterprises				Companies				Other				Wages, salaries and supplements			
Quarter	Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.			Original	Seas. adj.	Income of farm unincorporated enterprises	Other household income
																			Less direct taxes, etc. (a)	Disposable income
September	11,869	11,201	9,755	9,747	8,721	8,446	13,974	14,102	28,338	28,784	-63	17,103	7,683	37,695						
December	11,574	11,636	9,479	9,482	8,106	7,574	17,738	14,509	31,267	29,741	2,810	19,556	7,661	45,972						
March	10,944	11,525	9,719	9,923	7,142	7,663	13,757	15,023	29,402	30,784	-155	17,733	9,132	37,848						
June	10,986	11,051	9,159	8,904	7,164	7,842	13,533	15,609	31,310	31,251	-619	20,322	14,173	36,840						
1986-87—																				
September	12,295	11,579	9,761	9,732	8,042	7,736	15,766	15,607	31,713	32,069	10	19,522	9,006	42,239						
December	12,139	12,200	10,930	10,878	9,261	8,452	18,608	15,939	34,223	32,513	2,032	21,457	8,994	48,718						

(a) Direct taxes deducted are those paid by persons to general government. These include income tax paid and estate and gift duties, all other direct taxes, fees for service of a regulatory character and fines and gifts paid. Also deducted here are consumer debt interest and transfers to overseas.

LABOUR FORCE SURVEY(a)
(PERSONS)

Month	Employed ('000)				Unemployed ('000)				Unemployment rate-per cent	Participation rate-per cent		Number of job vacancies ('000)	
	Full-time workers		Total		Looking for full-time work		Total			Original	Seas. adj.	Original	
	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.		Original	Seas. adj.	Original	Seas. adj.
1985—													
November	5,562.4	5,564.5	6,890.5	6,848.5	439.5	475.8	537.0	582.9	7.2	7.8	61.7	61.7	51.8
December	5,638.9	5,571.7	6,918.9	6,846.0	479.7	468.8	583.9	569.2	7.8	7.7	62.2	61.5	
1986—													
January	5,603.6	5,621.4	6,762.1	6,910.5	523.7	474.2	615.0	575.7	8.3	7.7	61.1	62.0	
February	5,638.8	5,634.0	6,870.1	6,899.9	544.5	487.8	658.5	596.1	8.7	8.0	62.2	61.9	59.0
March	5,618.5	5,618.8	6,961.4	6,917.6	501.6	475.2	634.6	590.3	8.4	7.9	62.7	61.9	
April	5,620.1	5,645.4	6,962.1	6,978.1	485.1	485.3	606.9	600.8	8.0	7.9	62.3	62.4	
May	5,615.8	5,627.5	6,944.5	6,939.8	483.3	485.8	592.2	589.5	7.9	7.8	62.0	61.9	54.4
June	5,634.9	5,656.9	6,972.7	6,978.8	457.0	469.6	561.9	575.9	7.5	7.6	61.9	62.0	
July	5,631.2	5,617.7	6,958.4	6,943.1	490.9	520.9	594.2	632.5	7.9	8.3	61.9	62.1	
August	5,582.4	5,639.8	6,885.7	6,934.1	490.7	508.8	595.6	626.9	8.0	8.3	61.2	61.8	48.6
September	5,666.9	5,633.8	7,007.6	6,958.6	517.6	510.0	611.6	634.1	8.3	8.4	62.4	62.0	
October	5,661.9	5,666.3	7,000.3	6,958.6	485.9	527.2	590.1	636.7	7.8	8.4	61.8	62.0	
November	5,647.6	5,648.1	7,006.9	6,962.1	489.1	529.3	583.3	632.7	7.7	8.3	61.7	61.7	51.9
December	5,724.0	5,655.1	7,042.0	7,016.9	545.7	535.5	635.5	640.6	8.5	8.4	62.9	62.1	
1987—													
January	5,648.8	5,667.8	6,878.1	7,036.0	575.0	523.7	671.4	632.8	8.9	8.3	61.1	62.1	62.7

(a) Estimates derived from the labour force survey part of monthly population survey, which is based on a sample of dwellings and covers about two-thirds of one per cent of the population of Australia. For further information see *The Labour Force, Australia* (6203.0). (b) Estimates derived from a survey of private sector employers and government agencies. For further information see *Job Vacancies, Australia* (6231.0).

EMPLOYED WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS, STATES AND TERRITORIES(a)
PERSONS ('000)

Month	N.S.W.	Vic.	Qld	S.A.	W.A.	Tas.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Private	Australia		Total		
										Common- wealth	State(b)			
1985—														
July	1,853.0	1,470.9	786.1	446.6	477.8	141.7	53.8	111.7	3,651.2	429.8	1,134.0	154.8	1,718.6	5,369.7
August	1,854.7	1,486.6	790.9	467.9	481.2	141.0	54.1	114.6	3,671.5	429.7	1,130.4	155.8	1,716.0	5,387.5
September	1,850.1	1,489.5	782.2	465.9	482.7	142.8	54.9	115.5	3,678.0	429.9	1,127.7	155.9	1,713.4	5,391.5
October	1,847.4	1,503.1	800.3	466.2	493.7	145.1	56.3	129.9	3,757.2	431.1	1,131.0	155.7	1,717.8	5,473.1
November	1,915.2	1,516.4	805.4	468.4	495.6	146.7	56.4	113.8	3,796.3	432.3	1,133.3	155.9	1,721.5	5,517.9
December	1,913.7	1,518.4	798.9	466.3	498.3	146.7	54.3	114.2	3,803.9	432.9	1,119.1	154.9	1,706.9	5,510.8
1986—														
January	1,871.8	1,521.0	792.4	458.0	490.4	140.7	52.8	112.2	3,781.9	431.6	1,074.3	151.7	1,657.6	5,439.4
February	1,914.7	1,548.1	807.3	468.6	503.7	143.4	55.4	114.9	3,852.9	434.1	1,113.6	155.5	1,703.2	5,556.1
March	1,923.5	1,556.2	807.6	470.9	505.9	145.8	55.6	116.6	3,854.7	434.2	1,136.4	155.9	1,726.5	5,581.2
April	1,909.4	1,550.0	813.3	470.6	502.7	147.2	57.5	117.3	3,848.7	438.6	1,143.2	155.5	1,737.3	5,585.9
May	1,903.2	1,569.9	811.1	465.3	506.6	147.1	58.7	118.1	3,860.0	442.4	1,126.0	155.8	1,724.2	5,584.2
June	1,918.2	1,581.4	819.5	470.5	509.9	148.8	60.0	118.5	3,848.1	481.1	1,142.2	157.1	1,787.4	5,635.5
July	1,917.3	1,573.7	808.0	469.8	512.9	148.6	56.8	119.7	3,840.6	460.4	1,148.5	157.4	1,786.3	5,636.9
August	1,925.2	1,569.7	802.7	465.7	511.7	147.5	56.9	118.3	3,850.9	439.4	1,150.3	157.2	1,746.9	5,597.8
September	1,927.2	1,567.2	805.5	464.7	513.5	147.0	57.0	119.1	3,853.5	439.6	1,151.2	157.2	1,748.0	5,601.5

(a) Results of sample survey of approximately 20,000 private employers selected from the ABS register of businesses. Data from all Government Employers is collected. For further details see *Employed Wage and Salary Earners Australia* (6248.0) and *Information Paper: New Statistical Series: Employment, Average Weekly Earnings, Job Vacancies and Overtime* (6256.0). Excludes wage and salary earners in the private sector employed in agriculture, forestry, fisheries, hunting, private households and members of the permanent defence forces. (b) Includes the Northern Territory Government.

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